



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 2, Week 4

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Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,
Hope,
Friendship,
Wisdom and
Trust

TRUST is our focus, this half term.

Our classes will focus on this value around school and in our collective worships, led by Mr Gillan and individual classes.

Online Resources and Safety:

1. www.swiggle.org.uk

Around School Mr Gillan

- **I have sent out information regarding industrial action by members of the NEU separately to this newsletter** via our blog and social media sites. As mentioned, I will not know the extent to which the industrial action will affect us until Wednesday morning. If it is decided that classes need to close due to concerns on pupil ratios, then I will use our school-closure method as early as possible on Wednesday. As it stands (Friday), I feel that few are in a position to stay open for all classes, but all risk assessments must be considered.
- **LUNCH MENUS** have gone out, today! **Please have these back by 1st February.** There is no guarantee that we can process them after this date.

Safeguarding Mr Gillan

A few items, this week:

- **PLEASE ring the office** if your child is ill on day 1. This is for a number of reasons, for example teachers might not check Class Dojo until lunchtime and, by then, we have made a phone call to you! Also, we monitor the levels of illness around school. If the teachers enters the 'n' code for illness, then the office can't contextualise it. In Year 2, we currently have 5 off with chicken pox. Knowing this centrally helps us look at the patterns across school. Thank you!
- **I have noticed an upsurge in dropping off children on the far side of our road** at drop-offs in the morning. I am sure this is much more convenient for you, but it isn't safer for your child and can cause a knock-on effect as cars behind have to stop and wait, meaning a line of stationary cars builds up. **Please** either find a spot on the side to park or – even better – go and use the drop-off in the car park. It will be around 2 mins slower for you. That has to be worth doing it safely and, surely, no one is in such a rush that saving 2mins is that vital.

Safer online searching – it creates search lists from educational sites only. Please do give it a go at home, as it should bring up some very interesting sites for home projects / research.

3.
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/uk/>
Some beautiful images and great facts on this National Geographic site.

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Bible Thought:

“You welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim.”

Psalms 23

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- **If you have any concerns**, or your child feels like they need to talk, then you are very welcome to come in and see me anytime, email or phone.

The Week Ahead Mr Gillan

Monday: new SCITT trainees joining Y6 and Y2

Monday: Girls' football

Monday: Y4 net/wall festival Blackbrook

Monday: Football Tournament Yrs 3 and 4 Bishop Foxs

Tuesday: Fire Brigade visiting Chestnuts

Tuesday: Tag rugby

Tuesday: Full Governing Body Meeting

Wednesday: industrial action

Wednesday: Court Games Yrs 2 to 4

Thursday: Staff Meeting

Thursday: Mr Timms piano tuition

Thursday: Mr Lloyd drumming

Thursday: Court Games Yrs 5 and 6

Thursday: Staff Meeting

Friday: Healthy Metres Matters

Friday: Mr Snowden guitar tuition

Friday: DRESS DOWN FRIDAY

Friday: Y3 cake sale

Dress Down Fridays: They occur on the first school Friday of a new month. Here are the dates for the rest of the year:

3rd February, 3rd March, 21st April, 5th May, 9th June and 7st July

**Year 3
Geography
/Science!**

